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The British Apollo.

OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

From Wednesday December 22d. to Friday December 24th. 1708.

GReat part of our Subscribers having already generously paid us the Consideration of ceasing our Men in their Walks, as to the Remainder will on Monday next when our Servants will wait upon them, that we may not be taking up so much time of the Apollo-Day that we cannot so well perform that Duty on Account of the great Numbers lately added, as any may be convinced of by observing the Rules.

Note. If any of our Servants give other than respectful Language it is contrary to our positive Orders.

Q. What is the Proper, Fit, and Suitable Food, on which the Soul must Live?

A. We Refer you for an Answer to the *Word of Truth*, while engag'd in Combat with *the Father of Lies*; *Man shall not Live by Bread Alone* (for That is the Proper Nourishment of his Body) *but by Every Word, that proceedeth out of the Mouth of God*: For that is the Proper Nourishment of his Soul.

Q. Gentlemen, Disputing t'other Day with a Friend upon some Theological Points, He started this Question: How can You possible what is said in the 1st Article of our Religion concerning the Deity, to what is said in the 2d. For in the 1st. it is expressly Declared, that God is without Body or Parts; But in the 2d. That the Godhead and Manhood are joined together, in one Christ. Now a Body is one (continued Extension) as it no doubt is. For how Christ ascended into Heaven with his Body (Flesh and Bones) a Body, which may be reduced into a Syllogism thus:

Christ is God over all. But He has a Body. Ergo *&c.*

This I endeavour'd to convince Him of the Absurdity of that Conclusion, yet He persisted in his Opinion. Therefore to rectifie his Mistake, You'll corroborate the Truth, and very much Oblige Your Servant and Subscriber, H. N.

A. Both the Syllogism and the Proceeding Reasoning upon it are Intirely Sophistical. For as the Particle, *Without*, except in the Article, is an Equivocal Word, and signifies, either not to have Body, as Essential To it: Or not to have it, as an Adjunct *Of* the Divine Nature; to the Compilers of the Article understand it in the Former, but Your Friend in the Latter Sense. We might make also another Observation, but This is sufficient to Refute the Fallacy.

Q. In the 20th Chap. *of St.* John *and the* 17th Ver. *Jesus saith unto her*, viz. Mary Magdalene, *Touch me not, for I am not yet Ascended to my Father, &c. And yet in the* 28th *of St.* Matthew *and* 9th *Ver. it is said*, And they came and held him by the feet and worshipped him, *and in the* 24th Chap. *of St.* Luke *it is to the same purpose, viz. and the same day at Evening, Jesus stood in the midst of them and says*, Behold my hands and my feet, for it is I my self: handle me and see, *&c. Now I desire your Opinion, whether Christ did ascend, or no, before he made his Publick Ascension.*

A. That Christ did not after his Resurrection Ascend into Heaven before his Publick Ascension, is what All Expositors are Agreed in. And therefore the Difficulty lies in the Exposition of those Memorable Words, *Touch Me not, for I am not yet Ascended to my Father.* And as this Passage has Tortur'd Expositors, and therefore put them upon Variety of Interpretations, so We beg leave to Propose, what seems to Us to bid the Fairest for the Genuine Sense. But we wou'd first observe, that what We translate, *Touch*, signifies also to Detain or Hold Fast. And therefore our Saviour does not Forbid her to Touch him for the Proof of his Real Humanity, but as She may be supposed out of her Ardent Love (for our Lord himself assures us, that *She Lov'd Much*) to have Detain'd him Longer, than He thought Convenient. So He also may be naturally supposed to have Restrain'd her Unseasonable Love in the forementioned words, which we would thus Paraphrastically Expound. 'Detain me not, Mary, 'from the Business, *which my Father sent me to do*. 'For *I am not yet Ascended to my Father*, I have 'not yet Discharg'd my Mediatorial Office, an 'Office Necessarily Consequent to that Expiatory 'Sacrifice, I offer'd upon the Cross. Since therefore I have so great, so important an Employment 'upon my hands, Interrupt me not with your 'Now Impertinent Embraces, but suffer me to 'make Needful Preparations for to Visit, so Momentous an Affair. Suffer me to Confirm my 'Melancholy Disciples, my Despond.ng Brethren 'in the Grand Article of my Resurrection from 'the Dead. Suffer me *to shew my self Alive unto 'them, by many Infallible Proofs, to be seen of them 'forty days, to speak of the things pertaining to the 'Kingdom of God.* Suffer me to Discharge this 'Weighty Business upon Earth, that I may be ready *to Ascend to my God and your God, to my God and your God.*

...n down on the Right Hand of God, to make Inter-
...cession for the Sins of the People, to receive Glory for
...Now that the Lord God may dwell among them.
And when I have Performed all this, when I am
...Blended to my Father, Then I shall be Ready to
Receive you at your Dissolution, You and every
other Departing Saint, into my Everlasting Em-
...braces, my Eternal Arms. Then I shall no
...ger say, *Detain me not.*

Q. *Gentlemen, Having ...*

...*Letter* ...

...*Q. Whether the Moon was in ...*

...*Distance* ...

...*Question* ...

...*Question* ...

...*Trees* which are ...
...found deep in the Earth, have been ...
...and that having at that ...
...Water they were hid in several pla...
...Trees grow, and remained covered ...
...Earth of Mud, which by degrees fell ...
...Waters, as they did either evaporate ...
...their Channels. That is the most proba...
...Account that can be given of those who lie pret...
...deep, and are of a considerable bigness: But as ...
...those you mention, perhaps it may not be ne...
...essary to have recourse to that general inundation ...
...the Earth, but only to some particular one.

Q. *How do you prove, that there are Antipodes?*

A. On Supposition, that the Earth is Globular, if a Strait Line be drawn from any part of the Superficies, and extended quite thro' the Globe, so as to Penetrate the Center, They, who Inhabit the two Extremities of the foreland Line, are call'd Antipodes. And therefore the Solution of the Quest. ...depends upon the Proof, that the Earth is Glo...bular, and this is prov'd by the following Argu...ments.

...

The Sun rises sooner to the Eastern than to the Western Inhabitants of the Earth. And Place...so Situated Southward, view such Stars Above their Horizon, as were before Below it, and observe the same Stars to approach Nearer to their Zenith, in proportion to the Different degrees of Latitude they advance to. But Neither of these two Phænomena could be learned as Matter of Fact, unless the Surface of the Earth were Spherical.

2. When the Earth comes between the Sun and ...the Moon, it casts upon the Moon a ...Shadow. And O...bserves that it ...Shadow upon a Spherical ...

...Eastern ...West ...the East, and have ...which naturally ...the Perspective of a Sphere.

...Eclipse from a Mountain, ...first the ...the Upper parts of the ...Sight. And when we ...we may observe a ...Appearance ...Differ...ences ...the Spherical Figure ...

...great Number of Appear...Geographers and Astrono...mers, than ...Figure of the Earth.

...Matter be...

...Numb. &c.

...Reading one of your Papers, ...Old Maid in Wapping. ...Husband, I beg ...me to recall ...I am sure my coming will be in ...some great place; for Example. ...nine Years and eleven ...in the Nights, Ogle (I ...Man, and ask what was ...Longing to be ...Gentlemen, with ...for Heaven's Love, fondle me, till I am ...married; and pray direct me, what Art I must use ...to get a Tobe-fellow. Your Answer will oblige Your ...Eliz. Fr——n.

A. Alas Poor *Betty*, thou must be an intolerable Dish of Meat indeed, if a Man almost famish'd, will not fasten on Thee, we were never more puzzel'd to give advice; shouldst thou beg one from the Gallows, a thousand to one, he will prefer Hanging to Thee. Should we advise Thee to the *Indies*, the rest of your Sex there, would Tear Thee to pieces for lowring their Market by thy Clamorous Necessity. 'Tis said the Devil has *knowledge* of Witches in the Shape of a Goat; we by no means advise to that Abominable Practice (tho' at the same time we can think of no other Method you can take) but rather that you would bear your Misfortune as well as you can, and to banish all Hope, which will give but fresh Torments, by Disappointments.

Q. *Pray, Gentlemen, Where is the Likeliest place to Get a Husband. Yours,* Laurelia.

Q. A

A. A Diſcovery of the *Place* wou'd deſtroy the end of your Queſtion, by Reaſon it wou'd carry ſuch Troops of your Sex thither, that of the *Likelieſt*, it would ſoon become the *Unlikelieſt Place*.

POEMS.

Q. WHEN *in a Dumpiſh Humour, as I ſat,*
The time unto my fancy Adequate;
My Mind, my thoughtful Mind was wholly bent
On you, and on the Queſtion I have ſent,
To ſolve the which, I Tim'rous crave your Aid,
Let to Implore ſo much I am afraid,
Leſt you Provoke, diſpleas'd, your Dreadful Fate,
By ſending forth your Rod, and not your Love
Be that you plea'd to know, I'll wait with ſilence due,
For your Solution at your greateſt Leiſure.
For what I may ſtan would unexpected,
Is, why you'r ſo Dull (ſo Ignorant) and
Why Angels made?

A. D' you ask, when Angels into Being Rose?
To what an Angel can Above Diſpute,
Thoſe Elder Brothers made a Tuneful Quire,
E'er Adam was Inſtructed with Heav'nly Fire.
But Whether They were in their Infant State,
When the Creator did the World Create,
Or Whether crowned with a Maſter Art,
When Devils Vented their Infernal Rage,
The Sacred Penmen no Diſcloſure make:
And if They're Silent, Who ſhall Dare to Speak?
Q. Since then no Light can ſolve a Diſpute,
Made up of real Cares and fanſying eaſe.
Ye Gods that ſuch uncertain Favours give!
Apollo, *tell me why,*
It is ſo hard to die,
And yet ſo great a Taſk to Live.
A. Hopes ſtill of Joys, when theſe ſad hours are gone,
Relieve our Minds, and bid us ſtill Truſt on;
Tho' Cheats they're found, moſt Pleaſures ſo,
Whilſt *Diſſolution* ſays,
They muſt end with our Days;
And Ceaſe, when we ſhall ceaſe to Live.
Q. Since you can teach the winning Art,
To gain the Girl, or elſe to cool;
Two Hopes in the Reverſe your Power
Will give to my poor Friend ſome Succour;
For if you flinch, He cannot ſcape
A horrid, Matrimonial Rape.
The Caſe is thus, my Friend whoſe Air
Bids Beauty hope, the reſt Deſpair,
As he was flinging Charms around,
One Dart did a Grey Virgin wound.
A Virgin, who poor Girl not knowing
The chilly Way of Female Woing;
Attack'd him with ſuch Furious Ardour,
That all His Skill could ſcarcely ward her;
But he obſerving well her Face,
Which could not make a whetting Sauce,
Drew back, She took it for Reſpect;
He ſtrove to go, a wiſe neglect
She term'd it, and She ſtill repeated
The Airs of Laſs, that's over heated.
At this my cooler Friend grew ſqueaſy,
She thought a Warmth made him uneaſy,
He'd Glowr, She ſtil'd it eager Glances;
He'd Grumble, murm'ring ſoft Advances;
He'd Grin, She call'd it amorous Dimples;
And found He Lov'd, 'cauſe he Look'd Simple,
But that might be, for all (you know)
In Love and Paſſion do look ſo.
At laſt my Friend did retire,
And left fair Mopſa all on fire;
Behold, Raſcal, ready for the ſeeing,
Put in What Stomach would go ſtarving,
Nor given She found Her ſelf thus ſlighted,
Honour, She ſaid, was to be Slighted,
But ſhe would tackle ſtill for a Thing,
That ſuch a Face Aim was for purſuing;
And ſince She could no Conqueſt,
His Perſon ſure ought to tender,
If not, She'd griſpen in the Talons
Of that Harpy, Doctors-Commons,
And there She rather would him ſeize,
Or elſe receive a Wife's Portion,
In token Relief your Wit can ſee,
For I very much doubt, D. P.

A. Such wonders you have told us of *Fido*,
So great, we almoſt fear You Lye tho;
That He ſuch Pow'rful Charms thou'd have,
To warm Old *Croan*, one Foot i'th' Grave;
Whilſt She (tho' awkardly) confeſſes,
Flames, Darts, and thouſand *Pretty neſſes*.
Ungratefully himſelf He bears,
To ſlight the *Offspring* of his *Airs*;
To fly a Paſſion, which his *Shape*
And *Face* have rais'd, near to a *Rape*;
And all, becauſe too fiercely Preſt,
And's Acts Interpreted to th' *beſt*.
If bold *Prometheus* with *Stol'n Fires*,
His Way (*like Fido's Lump*) inſpires;
Wou'd all not think it very Odd,
To ſee It *Left* by th' *Demi-God*!
Or when *Pigmalion* had his Wife
Of Ivory, warm'd into Life;
Till then, as ſenſeleſs to engage,
As *Mopſa*, *Petrify'd with Age*;
Wou'd all not have condemn'd *Pigmalion*,
And ſay, He was a meer Raſcalion;
To have forſook, what to his Arms
Was forc'd, by his pow'rful Charms.
Let *Fido* then, think it no Blot,
T' indulge the Flame, his Charms beget;
At leaſt He'll ſhun the *Doctors-Commons*,
B' appearing at *Grey Virgin's Summons*,

And

And that some Comfort is, for who
Won'd Love to be *Thrash'd* on to *Hoe*.

Q. Apollo, *it seems*
You're all for Extreams,
And think the fair Sex is so too?
Now therefore once more
Your Aid I implore
To qualifie me for to woo.
First then, Prax. dispence
So much of your Sense,
As may make me a perfect Wit,
Some Pence from the rest,
To bring me into Debt,
My Pen may withal as a Dun sit;
But if I can't,
Like Lovers Rants,
Tho' ringing a fearful Peal,
For Love of an Hose
To Wive a Spouse
To Beggar and Feed,
And Ruin you in Conscience.
Believe me not Nonsense
Or Envy accuse us, when You
By Instance it evinceus,
In a Passion so Famous,
All Examples, e'er heard of, Out-do
Since You freely allow,
We may either way Row,
To soothe Your a Fool or a Wise;
The Bay we advise,
Cause Nature supplies,
And the Laurel we never shall Hit.

The Errata's in the Last Paper. Col. 1. l. 40. *for* seems *read* seem. Col. 4. l. 39. *for* Rawdon *read* Rawden. Col. 1. l. 48. *for* of *read* or Col. 4. l. 42. *for* Mourgon *read* Mourgues.

NEWS,

THis Advice from Paris Dec. 4th. That the Field Marshal Count de Thaun, who has his head Quarters at Crema, sent General Zumjungen to the Marquis de Prie the Emperor's Plenipotentiary at Parma, whose Dispatches, as reported, is to Notify to the Pope, that if the Negotiation be not speedily concluded, the Imperial Army will March directly to Rome, according to the Orders he has receiv'd from the Imperial Court. That the last Advices at Venice from Ferrara report, that the Imperialists had summon'd that City to surrender, threatning in case of Refusal, to Bombard it. The Letters from the Hague Dec. 28th advise, that the day before the Placeat, published by the States of Holland and West-Friesland, for the Levying twice the Hundreth Penny in the Year 1709, was dispatch'd to the respective Cities and Towns of those two Provinces. That the States General have settled a Fund for the Recruiting their Forces, and the Officers are Ordered without any loss of time to compleat their Companies. That Prince Eugene is suddenly to set out for Vienna, who, according to report, will make but a short stay there, and then return to the Netherlands. That the Palatine Troops, which make a part of Prince Eugene's Army, are upon their full march towards their own Country, on pretence of recruiting there, with which the States are not fully satisfied. That the Advices from the Camp before Ghent, Dec. 30th are, that the Batteries being ready to fire that morning with red hot Bullets, and Mortars to throw Bombs into the Town, the Count La Motthe sent a Letter by a Trumpet to his Grace, to desire him that some Officers might come to attend him, which being granted, the Prince of Henghien, Brigadier Cano, and Monsieur De Aubigny a Collonel, came to his Grace's Quarters and offer'd to surrender the Town and Castle in 4 Days, if they were not reliev'd, upon Condition they shou'd march out with all the Marks of Honour; My Lord Duke agreed they shou'd have time till Wednesday to March out, whereupon these Officers were sent back, with Orders to return at 6 in the morning with a Positive Answer: Accordingly they return'd that Morning, with a Numerous Deputation from the Clergy, Magistrates and Burghers, and the Articles of Capitulation were agreed upon, and Hostages given for the execution of the same: And to morrow morning the Gate of St. Attack of St. Peters is to be deliver'd up to our Troops, with the Gate of the Access on the Castle, and the Garrison to march out on Wednesday Morning and to be conducted to Tournay: That his Grace intends to send an Officer to summon Ostend to morrow, its Intention not being doubted of, whether the rest of Flanders will follow the Fate of Plan[illegible] Which is all from Yours, &c.

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